

House Bill 57 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7th and Powell of the 29th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the death penalty generally, so as to protect physicians and medical professionals
3 involved in state ordered executions from challenges to their licensure solely on the basis of
4 their participation in such executions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an
5 effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
9 death penalty generally, is amended by adding a new Code section following Code Section
10 17-10-42 to be designated Code Section 17-10-42.1 to read as follows:

11 "17-10-42.1.

12 Participation in any execution of any convicted person carried out under this article shall
13 not be the subject of any licensure challenge, suspension, or revocation for any physician
14 or medical professional licensed in the State of Georgia."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2006, and shall apply to executions carried out on
17 or after July 1, 2006.

18 **SECTION 3.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.